

AMM Resolution #06-2020 Quarry Rehabilitation Program Sponsor(s) Department(s) Ste. Anne, RM (Eastern) Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development WHEREAS in 1992 Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development developed a program under The Mines and Minerals Act for site rehabilitation and remediation of depleted aggregate quarries and pits as an economic incentive to the aggregate industry to implement and encourage sustainable development; and WHEREAS a reserve fund was established where an environmental levy was collected on aggregate production in order to facilitate this rehabilitation program; and WHEREAS after financial irregularities regarding this program were discovered dating back to 2012, the Province of Manitoba launched a forensic investigation headed by the Auditor General and the rehabilitation program has since been put into review and is currently on hold, yet the associated fees continue to be levied; and WHEREAS the rehabilitation of aggregate pits and quarries in the Province of Manitoba not only supports clean and safe surface and aquifer water, but also supports economic and recreational benefits to the Province of Manitoba; and WHEREAS the status of the Manitoba Pit and Quarry Rehabilitation Program was kept in confidence within Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development, even after being repeatedly questioned by the Municipality; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to re-establish Manitoba's Pit and Quarry Rehabilitation Program to its full previous operation and for all applicable environmental levies to be reported to the Department but retained by the Municipalities until the Program is fully functioning; and FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to establish new procedures to ensure open and transparent communication with stakeholders regarding program which directly affect municipalities.